

SENATE RESOLUTION 130

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Brother Junior Dickerson, who has been in the ministry for over thirty-seven years.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause to specially recognize those pastors who have dedicated their lives to the spiritual growth and guidance of their fellow human beings; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Brother Junior Dickerson who will be honored by the good people of Smith County when they proclaim May 31, 2009, "Brother Junior Dickerson Day"; and

WHEREAS, a native of Smith County, Brother Dickerson was born March 7, 1952, and raised in Pleasant Shade; and

WHEREAS, at the age of nineteen, Junior Dickerson was called to the ministry; in the nearly thirty-eight years since, Brother Dickerson has worked assiduously to comfort the sick and grieving, edify those in search of moral and spiritual understanding, bring joy and hope to the downtrodden, and lead the members of his congregation and his community through life's mundane routines as well as its great challenges; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Brother Junior Dickerson was elected to serve as Pastor of Plunketts Creek Missionary Baptist Church in the Rock City community of Smith County, where he remains today, serving his congregation with integrity and unassailable moral leadership; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to his family as well as his flock, Brother Junior Dickerson is most grateful for the loving companionship of his wife of over thirty-eight years, Rita

Dickerson; the couple have three sons and three daughters-in-law: Mike and Alicia, Chad and Rachel, and Joey and Hollie; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the Dickersons have been blessed with three granddaughters, Emily, Julia, and Whitney, and one grandson, Taylor; and

WHEREAS, loved and appreciated by his family, his community, and the members of Plunketts Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Brother Junior Dickerson has striven to serve as an example of Christian leadership for nearly four decades, and for his prodigious efforts, he should be duly recognized; and

WHEREAS, Brother Dickerson epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of the true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Brother Junior Dickerson for his years in the ministry, congratulate him on being honored by the good people of Smith County, who have designated May 31, 2009, as "Brother Junior Dickerson Day," and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.